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SUBJECT: USINFO: KINSHASA'S TRIAL

1. ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO RECEIVED THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICIAL ZAIRE NEWS AGENCY (AZA) LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON TO MAKE PUBLIC DETAILS OF WHAT KINSHASA'S RUMOR-MILLS HAD FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS BEEN CALLING "A FAILED COUP ATTEMPT."

2. PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAID THERE HAD NEVER BEEN AN ATTEMPTED COUP, BUT RATHER THAT THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ONE FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, HAD CORRUPTED 91 PERSONS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO COMMIT ACTS OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AND MURDER IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT HIS REGIME. ALL 91 PERSONS, INCLUDING 67 FROM THE MILITARY SERVICE, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND WILL GO ON TRIAL WEDNESDAY.

3. ADDRESSING HIMSELF THEN TO RUMORS OF MASSACRES IN THE TOWNS OF IDIOFA AND BANDUNDU IN CENTRAL ZAIRE, PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOLD THE AZAP DIRECTOR THAT HE HAD DISPATCHED SECURITY FORCES TO THE AREA AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL POPULATION. HE HAD TAKEN THIS ACTION, HE SAID, IN ORDER TO STOP A GROUP OF REBELS FROM NEIGHBORING KASAI PROVINCE WHO WERE HARRASSING

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RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE SECURITY FORCES HAD NOT COMMITTED ANY MASSACRES. END ITEM
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